

REMARKS

Claims 1-32 were pending prior to this response. Claims 1-5, 8-13, 27 and 32 were allowed. Claims 6-7 and 15-18 were objected to. Claims 14, 19-26, and 28-31 were rejected. Claims 6 and 14 have been amended herein. Claims 16 and 28-31 have been cancelled herein. Reconsideration of the rejections of all rejected claims is requested.

I. Objection to the Disclosure

The disclosure was objected to because of a reference to Fig. 7B and Fig. 7C on page 22, lines 22-23. The specification has been amended to overcome this problem. Accordingly, the applicant requests reconsideration of the objection.

II. Objection to Claims 6 and 7

Claims 6 and 7 were objected to due to a typographical error with claim 6. Claim 6 has been amended herein, which also cures the problems for claim 7. Accordingly, the applicant requests reconsideration of the objection.

III. Objection to Claims 15-18

Claims 15-18 were objected to as being dependent on a rejected base claim (claim 14). Claim 14 has been amended to include the elements of claim 16, which was cancelled. Therefore, claim 14 is allowable and the objections of claims 15, 17, and 18 have been overcome.

IV. Rejection of Claims 14 and 19 Under 35 U.S.C. §102(b)

Claim 14 is independent and claim 19 depends on claim 14. As set forth above, claim 14 has been amended to include the elements of claim 16, which was objected to. Therefore, claim 14 is deemed allowable as containing all the elements of claim 16 in addition to other reasons. Claim 19 is deemed allowable by way of its dependence and for other reasons.

Based on the foregoing, the applicant requests reconsideration of the rejections.

V. Rejection of Claims 20-26 Under 35 U.S.C. §103(a)

Claims 20-26 are dependent on allowable claim 14 and are deemed allowable by way of their dependence and for other reasons.


Therefore, the applicant requests reconsideration of the rejections.

In view of the above, all of the pending claims are now believed to be in condition for allowance and a notice to that effect is earnestly solicited.

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